New York Opens Applications for Cannabinoid Hemp Farm Processor License and Temporary Retail Permit

The Office of Cannabis Management is excited to announce the launch of the Cannabinoid Hemp Farm Processor License and Temporary Retail Permit applications to support the growth of the cannabinoid hemp industry in New York State.

Cannabinoid Hemp Farm Processor License

Persons licensed by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets to cultivate hemp are eligible to apply for the Cannabinoid Hemp Farm Processor License to manufacture cannabinoid hemp flower products. Cannabinoid Hemp Farm Processors are permitted to trim, dry and manufacture cannabinoid hemp flower products but may only produce up to 1,000 pounds of dried hemp annually. This license is intended to allow smaller farmers an easier mechanism to manufacture and sell cannabinoid hemp flower products from hemp they grew.

Please note, this license does not permit the extraction of cannabinoid hemp. If an individual is interested in extracting hemp to create products, they must apply for and receive a full Cannabinoid Hemp Processor Extracting and Manufacturing license. The Cannabinoid Hemp Farm Processor license is valid for up to two years and has a non-refundable application fee of \$100 and a license fee of \$300. More information about the Cannabinoid Hemp Farm Processor application is available <a href="https://example.com/hemp-normalized-new-normalized-n

Cannabinoid Hemp Temporary Retail Permit

The Cannabinoid Hemp Temporary Retail Permit is now available for persons interested in offering temporary sale of cannabinoid hemp products in New York State. Retailers must apply for and obtain a temporary retail permit prior to selling cannabinoid hemp products to consumers. Cannabinoid hemp products include any product sold for its cannabinoid content including CBD products. The following forms are permitted for retail sale: tinctures, oils, topicals, pills, capsules, supplements, and food or beverages containing cannabinoids that are intended for human consumption or application. THC concentrations less than or equivalent to 0.3 percent are permitted in products sold under the New York State Cannabinoid Hemp Program.

The temporary retail permit available through the New York State Cannabinoid Hemp Program is designed for retailers who do not maintain a static storefront and is not tied to the business's location. The retail permit can be obtained for retail sale online, farmer's market, vendor show retailers, and other temporary retail locations. The Cannabinoid Hemp Temporary Retail Permit is valid for up to three months and has a permit fee of \$25 per month. More information about the Cannabinoid Hemp Temporary Retail Permit application is available here.

Following the passage of the U.S. Farm Bill in 2018, New York State retail markets experienced an influx of products derived from or including hemp. Many of the products on store shelves were sourced from unknown producers who may not have adhered to consumer protection standards such as product testing or labeling. The program in New York establishes a robust regulatory framework for cannabinoid hemp products that are manufactured or sold in the state, and standards for manufacturing, laboratory testing, and packaging and labeling to provide industry clarity and to protect health and safety of New Yorkers.

Cannabinoid Hemp Farm Processor License and Temporary Retail Permit applications are now available on the New York State Business Express (NYBE) <u>website</u>.